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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Anticipated Classification of this application:  
Prior Application:Class:  
Examiner:Subclass:  
Art Unit:

## MS PATENT APPLICATION

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Dear Sir:

This is a request for filing a:  continuation application  
 divisional application

pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.53, of pending prior application Serial No. PCT/FR02/01836, filed May 31, 2002, which is based upon and claims priority from prior French Patent Application No. 01-07446, filed June 7, 2001. Additionally, this continuation application is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_ (Attorney Docket No. 01-MEY-053 DIV), filed December 3, 2003, which is a divisional of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/542,681, filed April 3, 2000. The inventor for this continuation application is Philippe GRAFFOULIERE.

1. [ X ] Enclosed are a specification and drawings. No new matter has been added.
2. [ X ] The filing fee is calculated below:

		SMALL ENTITY			LARGE ENTITY	
Claims After Amendment	Number Filed	Number Extra	Rate		Rate	
Total Claims	25	- 20 =	5	x \$ 9 =	\$	x \$ 18 = \$ 90.00
Independent	4	- 3 =	1	x \$ 43 =	\$	x \$ 86 = \$ 86.00
<b>Basic Fee</b>			Small Entity = \$385.00			\$770.00
Large Entity = \$770.00			\$			
<b>Multiple Dependent Claims</b>			+ \$145 =	\$	+ \$290 =	\$
<b>Assignment Recording Fee</b>			+ \$40 =	\$	+ \$40 =	\$
<b>TOTAL FEE DUE =</b>				\$		<b>\$946.00</b>

3. [ X ] The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the filing fee in the amount of \$946.00 to Deposit Account No. 50-1556.
4. [ X ] The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-1556.

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5. [ ] Cancel in this application original claims \_\_\_\_\_ of the prior application before calculating the filing fee. (At least one original independent claim must be retained for filing purposes.)

6. [ X ] Related Application Data and Incorporation by Reference:

This application is a continuation of International Application Serial No. PCT/FR02/01836, filed May 31, 2002, which is based upon and claims priority from prior French Patent Application No. 01-07446, filed June 7, 2001. The entire disclosures of International Application Serial No. PCT/FR02/01836 and French Patent Application No. 01-07446 are herein incorporated by reference. Additionally, this application is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. \_\_\_\_ (Attorney Docket No. 01-MEY-053 DIV), filed December 3, 2003, which is a divisional of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/542,681, filed April 3, 2000. The entire disclosures of these prior U.S. Patent Applications are also herein incorporated by reference.

7. [ ] Transfer the drawings from the prior application to this application and abandon said prior application as of the filing date accorded this application. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed for filing in the prior application.

8. [ X ] Assignee Information Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.76

ASSIGNEE NAME: STMicroelectronics S.A.

ASSIGNEE RESIDENCE: Montrouge, France

9. [ X ] A Preliminary Amendment is enclosed.

10. [ X ] An unexecuted Declaration is enclosed.

11. [ ] Form PTO-1449 is enclosed.

12. [ ] The statement of Small Entity Status filed in the prior application is still proper.

13. [ X ] Direct all correspondence to Customer Number 23334.

Date: 12/5/03

Respectfully submitted,

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In re Application of: : Atty Docket: 01-MEY-053  
Philippe GRAFFOULIERE : APPLICATIONS BRANCH  
Serial No.: (not yet assigned) :  
Filed: Herewith :  
For: *METHOD FOR INDICATING A SECTOR ON A  
DATA MEDIUM AND DATA MEDIUM SUITED TO  
THIS METHOD* : :

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 Specification and drawings  
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are being deposited with the United States Postal Service "Express Mail Post Office to Addressee" service under 37 CFR 1.10 on the date indicated above and are addressed to:

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